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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Request by Mr. Maxwell Raab of the White House Staff for Occasional Intelligence Briefings and Other Intelligence Material to be Made Available to Members of the Cabinet

1. Mr. Maxwell Raab of the White House staff, who is now acting as a sort of coordinator or executive secretary for the Cabinet, has recently been impressed with several briefings delivered to the White House staff and has indicated a desire that some of this information be presented to certain Cabinet members. Mr. Raab was especially impressed with a presentation some weeks ago by [redacted] of OSI on Soviet scientific manpower and on 25 January this same briefing was delivered to Mrs. Hobby, Mr. Nelson Rockefeller, Governor Patersen, Mr. Brownell (Head of the Office of Education) and Mr. Raab in Mrs. Hobby's office.

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2. Afterwards Mr. Raab reiterated his interest in similar briefings in the future for all the Cabinet members. On 29 January the AD/CI discussed the matter with the Director, who favored Mr. Raab's proposals and designated AD/CI to coordinate any future briefings or intelligence material provided by DD/I for this purpose.

3. The Director also expressed a desire to make sure that Governor Adams was aware of this situation and AD/CI will visit the White House in the near future to discuss the situation further with Mr. Raab and to confer briefly with Governor Adams to make sure that he is aware of, and approves, such arrangements as are made.

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